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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR THE FOLSOM SOUTH CANAL
(FSC) CONNECTION PROJECT - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Dear Mr. Ladensack:

Having attended the January 13th scoping session in Lodi and reviewed the Notice of Preparation, the following comments are offered:

- The second paragraph on Page 6 notes that alternative corridors will be evaluated in the Environmental Impact Report. However, only one corridor is shown on the plan that was attached with the Notice of Preparation. If other alternatives are known, they should be included with the Notice of Preparation, in order to identify associated issues that should be included in the Environmental Impact Report. One obvious alternative would be to start the project from the south end of the existing Folsom South Canal.
- In the second paragraph on Page 14, there is discussion about land use. This project would be classified as Utility Service-Major and may be permitted in the General Agricultural (AG) and Limited Agricultural (AL) zones, with an approved Site Approval application.
- In the second paragraph, on the bottom of Page 15, there is discussion about the facility blending into the landscape. This is a significant issue and needs to be adequately addressed in the Environmental Impact Report. From the information and the Notice of Preparation, the project is proposed to parallel the Central California Traction line. The new facilities will connect to the existing East Bay Mud transmission line in urban community of Morada.

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- At the bottom of Pages 22 and Page 43 there is mention that storm drainage impacts will be minimal. It may be premature to dismiss the potential impacts from storm drainage. Typical sections for construction of the Folsom South Canal extension were not included with the Initial Study. Provisions need to be made to insure that existing storm drainage patterns are not blocked or diverted.
- Consideration should be given to utilizing the project's right-of-way for multi use trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation for the extension of the Folsom South Canal project. If you have any questions or need further information on these comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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